

preventing an ambulance from reaching them. He called relatives, who contacted the Red Cross on his behalf to ask for assistance, but the Red Cross had to wait for assurance from Israeli authorities that an ambulance would get through unscathed, assurance which was not forthcoming. He spoke with several members of the press, including the BBC, who even broadcast his plea for help. But an ambulance could not reach them until 22 hours after the incident, even though the hospital was located less than a mile away. By this time, Ibrahim had died in his father's arms. Israeli troops reportedly looked on and ignored Muhammed's pleas for help.

This case cries out for an immediate, thorough, credible and transparent investigation by the Israeli Government. Any individuals determined to have violated the laws of war should be prosecuted and appropriately punished. In addition, it is important that the U.S. Embassy determine whether any Israeli soldiers who were equipped by the U.S. violated U.S. laws or agreements governing the use of U.S. equipment, both in relation to this incident and others involving civilian casualties. This should include the use of white phosphorous in heavily populated areas, which is alleged to have caused serious injuries to civilians.

Mr. President, this is a heart-breaking story. My thoughts and prayers go out to Amer Shurrab and his family and friends, and to the families of other civilians, Palestinian and Israeli, who died or suffered other grievous losses in this latest escalation of violence.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN E. "BETSY" FLYNN

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Carolyn E. "Betsy" Flynn of Benton, KY, for her recent appointment to the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advisory Council.

Mrs. Flynn currently serves as president and vice chairman of Community Financial Services Bank in Benton, KY, which manages around \$400 million in assets. This institution has served the Benton community for almost 120 years and Mrs. Flynn has contributed to its success since 1976. For 24 years, Betsy Flynn has also instructed at the Barret School of Banking in Memphis, TN. Her public service record is extensive as well. She has served on several economic development boards, the city council, the chamber of commerce, the tourist commission, and has recently been appointed to the Kentucky Investment Commission.

The Consumer Advisory Council serves a vital role in advising the Federal Reserve Board on guidelines under the Consumer Credit Protection Act and issues regarding consumer financial services. Mrs. Flynn's impressive

resume provides a solid foundation for her new role on the council. Her expertise in the banking and financial industry will serve her and the advisory council well.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Flynn for her remarkable achievement. Kentucky and the entire country should be proud to have such a distinguished individual serving them.●

HONORING GEORGE FOREMAN

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate and recognize a distinguished citizen of Kentucky, Mr. George Foreman of Danville, who was recently named Danville Art Citizen of the Year by the Arts Commission of Danville/Boyle County.

This prestigious award is meant to identify an individual in the community who has made it possible for the arts to become an integral part in other people's lives. The Arts Commission of Danville/Boyle County issued the first Art Citizen of the Year award in 2004.

As managing director of the Norton Center for the Arts and Associate Professor at Centre College, Mr. Foreman has accomplished impressive things, including forming and directing Danville's own Advocate Brass Band, receiving the 1996 Bruce Montgomery Leadership Award, and also founding the Great American Brass Band Festival. There is no doubt that Mr. Foreman's service has made his community a better place because of his dedication to the arts and the citizens of his town.

During his years of service, Mr. Foreman has played host to all the major U.S. military bands, who presented their concerts free to the public. He also partnered with Stage One, a children's theatre in Louisville, to bring the Norton Center a children's theatre. Mr. Foreman has made the arts a central focus in his life, and I look forward to his future projects.

Once again, I congratulate Mr. Foreman on this award. He is truly an inspiration to all of Kentucky, and I wish him luck on all of his future endeavors.●

HONORING EAST RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a small business in my home State of Maine that has risen to the top during its very short existence. East Restaurant & Lounge, located in Wells, was recently named one of the top Chinese restaurants in America—the first time a Maine restaurant has been recognized with such a distinction.

Opened in June 2008 by owner Ri Teng Li, East Restaurant & Lounge has quickly impressed its clients with delicious Chinese, Thai, and Japanese cuisine. Mr. Li previously owned and operated the popular Yum Mee Restaurant in Wells, and East Restaurant allows

him to keep long-loved classic dishes from the prior establishment while greatly expanding his menu. With more than 400 items, ranging from Peking duck to sushi to Pad Thai, as well as an expansive and impressive buffet on Sundays, East has something for everyone. The restaurant also has a spacious lounge, where guests can relax after work and enjoy a specialty cocktail. And East offers catering services for a variety of events.

Perhaps most notable about East Restaurant is the building. It is housed in a striking and eye-catching structure, with a stunning interior full of beautiful decor, from ornate chandeliers and staircases to gorgeous glass doors. There is also a gift shop on the restaurant's upper level, with unique and rare gifts that include charming jewelry.

Despite its youth, East Restaurant has rapidly accumulated regular customers and well-deserved accolades. Most recently, Chinese Restaurant News, a San Francisco-based monthly publication dedicated to the more than 45,695 Chinese restaurant owners and operators across America, named East Restaurant as one of the top 10 Chinese restaurants for overall excellence in the United States, a truly remarkable feat. Restaurants were evaluated for eight categories, including decor and atmosphere, food quality, and sanitation. And because of its astonishing appearance, East Restaurant was recognized as the No. 1 establishment in the best decor category. Mr. Li was recently presented with the awards at a ceremony in Las Vegas earlier this month.

Mr. Li is an entrepreneur who has consistently aimed to improve each of his new ventures. He came to the United States in the mid-1980s with minimal knowledge of English and knowing hardly anyone. He began working at the restaurant of a friend of his in New York City, and through hard work, determination, and perseverance, Mr. Li realized his dream and opened his own restaurant. After moving to Maine, he established several other restaurants and now operates one in the neighboring town of Kennebunk, as well as a gift shop in Portland.

A civic-minded restaurateur, Mr. Li has constantly found ways to give back to the community. An avid contributor to the local Rotary Club and the Wells & Ogunquit Senior Center, Mr. Li has also donated to scholarship funds at Wells High School, where his daughter attends.

Mr. Li's marvelous story is a reminder of the benefits and rewards of commitment and resolve. His dedication to providing quality food in an inviting and distinctive atmosphere is commendable, and the results have been astounding. Congratulations to Mr. Li and everyone at East Restaurant & Lounge on their well-deserved acknowledgement, and I wish them many more years of success to come.●